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NEWS OF THE MONTH

The set of stamps chronicled last month for Southern Nigeria has considerable historical importance, being an evidence of the important political events that are now taking place in that part of Britain's Colonial Empire, situated in West Africa. This issue is to supersede the stamps of the Niger Coast Protectorate and Lagos. The press despatches inform us that negotiations are now in progress, in diplomatic circles, by which that constant source of friction—the French shore rights in Newfoundland—is to be terminated, by the French Government relinquishing their treaty rights in exchange for the colony of Gambia. If this report is based on fact, a sudden demand for Gambian stamps is to be expected, and a consequent rise in prices.

Our list of new issues is somewhat shorter than usual this month, the order having come from our publisher to close forms sharp on time, and no copy to be sent in after the 10th. Our journal has been appearing about ten days late for the past three or four months, the delay being caused by the contractor not furnishing "cuts" on time as agreed. Last month we had no new cuts, those that should have appeared, arrived one day after the paper was printed, and they are used for this month's chronicle. We hope to get this annoying difficulty adjusted ere long, but cuts or no cuts our publisher has determined that the paper must be out sharp on time for the future.

ENTRANCES AND EXITS.



ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—(New 3c. and 15c. values of current set.) The 15c. announced in our December number has been issued, its color is light blue, a 3c. orange has also been added to the

current set and the 16c has been suppressed.

BERMUDA.—($\frac{1}{4}$ d. stamps regular and provisional. A farthing rate of postage for newspapers having recently been decided upon, $\frac{1}{4}$ d. stamps were ordered from London. As a new design could not be made in time for the date when the new rate was to come into force, 240,000 1 shilling, printed in grey, were surcharged ONE FARTHING. These were bought up the first day they were placed on sale by a few speculators, who are endeavoring to dispose of the stamps at 25c. each. As the entire issue only represented a face value of \$1200.00, our speculative friends on the island hope to clear about \$58,800 if collectors are silly enough to allow them to unload.



CHILE.—(Fiscal 5c. used for postage.) We illustrate the new type of the 5c revenue stamp, which as reported last month was, during a temporary shortage, used to replace the regular 5c postage stamp, during the month of October, 1900. Mr. H. A. Chapman has kindly sent us specimens of this, and of the previous issue of revenues, used on original envelope, for which we tender our sincere thanks.

COSTA RICA.—(2, 5 and 10 colones of the new set.) Three additional high values have appeared.

2 colones, carmine and green, J. R. Mora,
5 " brown and black, Jesus Jimenez,
10 " green and red, National Arms.